certificate for Rs. 6.67 crore has been received without the supporting details of progress reports. Further release of funds will depend on receipt of these details.

National Highways passing through Punjab

3326. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic on the National Highways passing through Punjab has increased considerably with the result that the Highways have become accident prone; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to widen these Highways under the National Highways Development Project Phase III?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The intensity of traffic on the National Highways has increased in Punjab. The number of accidents has also increased. But the reasons of these accidents cannot be attributed only to increase in traffic in National Highways.

(b) The Government of India has identified for 4 laning of the Jalandhar-Amritsar Road (NH-1), Chandigarh-Ropar-Kiratpur Sahib upto Himachal Border (NH-21) and Ambala-Chandigarh (Punjab portion) (NH-22) under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-lll-A and preparation of Detailed Project Report for Pathankot-Amritsar Road (NH-15) under NHDP lll-B

National Highways passing through Uttar Pradesh

3327. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Highways passing through Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the length of each and every National Highways connecting the main cities at the shortest and the longest distance;

(c) whether a large number of these Highways are in a dilapidated conditions and the public has to face **a** lot of difficulty while travelling on these roads; and

(d) the maximum amount to be provided to Uttar Pradesh Government for improvement of the Highways and the roads in the State and by when?